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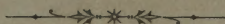
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REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,

INCLUDING ALSO THE REPORT OF THE
Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.



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1881.

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SELECTMENS REPORT.

Resident valuation,	\$548,157 00	
Non-resident valuation,	21,325 00	
Total,	<hr style="width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"/> \$569,482 00	
Reduced valuation,		2,847 41
Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.50		
State tax,	\$1,384 00	
County tax,	1,582 74	
Town tax,	4,000 00	
School tax,	1,211 00	
Percentage,	364 49	
Amount of tax on Collectors Book,	<hr style="width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"/>	\$8,542 23
Non-resident Highway tax,		51 65
“ “ “ worked out,		44 61
Dog tax,		72 00

LIABILITIES.

Amount of bonds outstanding,	\$28,100 00	
Interest on the same,	281 00	
Amount due the several school districts,	116 93	
Due Stephen D. Stone, services as Collector for 1880,	110 00	
Sidney Sanborn, services as 1st Selectman 1880,	112 00	
Wallace P. Thrasher, services as 2nd Selectman,	92 00	
George J. French, services as 3d Selectman,	90 00	
Farnum J. Spencer, Treasurer,	50 00	
Albert Heald S. S. Committee, about	40 00	
Order No. 107 not paid,	72 70	
Bonds No. 57, 58, 85, 205, 213, drawn July 1st 1880, not paid,	500 00	
Total liabilities,	<hr style="width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"/>	\$29,564 63
Amount of taxes abated on Collector's book 1879,		\$55 96
“ “ “ “ “ 1880.		85 71

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due on W. H. H. Eaton's two notes,	\$75 88
Elias Farnum's notes,	150 07
From County,	193 22
S. D. Stone's Collector's book 1880,	179 75
State bonds and interest on same,	6161 00
Interest in B. Farnum's place,	200 00
Books on hand,	18 15
Land rent due from, S. H. & M. Cutting,	20 25
George French,	11 66
N. M. True,	18 32
Stephen Goodwin,	22 00
David S. Wheeler,	13 33
Charles J. Newton,	24 00
Andrew J. Chellis Estate,	13 33
John Gilkey,	8 00
John T. Duncan,	2 55
Elbridge G. Newton,	4 00
Cash in Treasury,	915 19
Total Assets,	<hr/> \$8,030 70
Total amount of liabilities brought forward,	29,564 63
“ “ Assets, “ “	8,030 70
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	\$21,533 93
Reduction of debt,	1,206 96

PAUPER REPORT.

SIDNEY SANBORN, WALLACE P. THRASHER & GEORGE J. FRENCH,
To Town of Plainfield, Dr.

To money drawn by order for support of paupers, \$1,811 82

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By Cash paid for support of County Paupers,
James Spaulding, 26 50
Maria Whittaker, 46 75
Ira W. Kimball, 97 66
Daniel F. Blood, 87 52
Darwin Jordan, 104 30

George D. Stone,	12 52
Elisha Austin,	63 36
William Walker,	168 22
Andrews Talbert,	133 07
William R. Jordan,	38 02
B. D. Alexander,	21 73
Jacob Holt,	35 90
Lois D. Brocklebank,	24 35
Mrs. William B. Roleston,	55 50
Harry Corey,	53 38
Orville Barker,	53 69
George Sweet,	24 00
James Hull,	8 00
Daniel Sweet,	93 15
Edwin D. Blood,	1 93
Andrew J. Spaulding,	34 03
Mrs. John Barker,	109 00
Hannah Holt,	20 22
Ezekiel Stone,	8 33
	<hr/> \$1,303 13

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Jonathan Barber,	\$30 62
Lucy Heath,	20 00
Mrs. William Strong,	47 00
B. Farnum,	84 00
A. J. Barber,	18 25
Lucius R. Jordan,	15 14
Mrs. Mary Hastings	52 00
Mrs. Sarah Duncklee,	78 00
Amy Stone,	78 75
George Smith,	52 00
Lawson Newton,	10 33
	<hr/> \$486 09

TRANSIENT.

Mrs. Quimby,	22 60
Amount expended for support of Town Paupers,	\$486 09
Amount expended for support of County Paupers,	1,303 13
Amount expended for support of Transient Paupers,	22 60
Total amount expended for Paupers,	<hr/> \$1,811 82

SIDNEY SANBORN,	} Selectmen of Plainfield.
WALLACE P. THRASHER,	
GEORGE J. FRENCH,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 13, 1880,	\$1140 87
Received for State Bonds Coupons,	366 00
From County for support of Paupers,	1153 58
Savings Bank tax,	886 60
Literary fund,	99 90
For land rent,	59 98
Sidney Sanborn,	300 00
Of William H. H. Eaton interest on note,	4 88
Refunded by C. C. Beckley,	25
From S. D. Stone, Collector 1878,	6 28
“ “ “ 1879,	366 07
“ “ “ 1880,	7888 98
Interest on taxes for 1879,	4 50
Of W. P. Thrasher for use of Town Hall on the Plain,	20 70
Of Stephen Goodwin for land rent,	22 00
From S. D. Stone Collector, 1879,	22 98
S. D. Stone Collector Meriden highway tax,	7 04
From S. D. Stone Collector interest on taxes,	6 23
Of Sidney Sanborn for support of Mrs. Quimby,	22 60
From Dog tax fund,	78 40
Of S. D. Stone Collector for 1880,	387 79
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	\$12,845 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

No.

1	John B. Rowell, services as Treasurer for 1879,	\$51 25
2	Fred Moulton, services as Auditor and getting reports printed for 1879,	4 00
3	S. D. Stone, services Collector for 1879,	110 00
4	Sidney Sanborn services Selectman for 1879,	102 00

5	W. P. Thrasher 3d Selectman 1879,	85 00
6	Josiah Davis S. S. Committee for 1879,	55 00
7	“ Books furnished destitute children,	20 22
8	John Pool 267 ft. bridge plank for 1879,	2 67
9	B. F. Manchester services as Clerk for 1879,	48 00
10	A. B. Chellis services Selectman for 1879,	82 00
11	Sidney Sanborn support of Paupers,	50 00
12	W. P. Thrasher table and chairs for Town Hall,	14 90
13	W. P. Thrasher support of Paupers,	50 00
14	George I. French “ “	25 00
15	Sidney Sanborn “ “	100 00
16	C. H. Morse's estate watering trough for 1879,	1 50
17	Frank L. French's estate school district No. 9,	25 00
18	L. L. Baily, chandelier for Town Hall on the Plain,	20 00
19	John Pool, support of School Dist. No. 14,	5 00
20	George I. French, support of paupers,	25 00
21	Sidney Sanborn, paid for printing town reports,	22 50
22	Darwin C. Boyden, support of School District No. 8,	34 25
23	Charles Colby “ “ 10,	42 50
24	John Pool “ “ 14,	20 00
25	N. F. Trow “ “ 16,	28 00
26	Daniel C. Westgate “ “ 5,	31 25
27	Erastus F. Lewin labor and lumber on highway,	14 50
28	Charles H. Hill, opening and filling three graves,	7 50
29	W. P. Thrasher, support of Paupers,	150 00
30	Frank L. French “ School Dist. No. 9,	50 00
31	“ “ “ 9,	84 00
32	Stephen Hursey “ “ 15,	25 00
33	John Pool “ “ 14,	12 00
34	Charles Cross labor and lumber on highway,	57 39
35	George I. French support of Paupers,	25 00
36	Nathan F. Trow support of School District No. 16,	39 00
37	Charles Colby “ “ 10,	45 00
38	Carlos. D Colby “ “ 3,	49 50
39	Harvey D. Plummer “ “ 6,	26 00
40	Henry Bryant “ “ 1,	40 00

41	Carlos D. Colby, support of School District No. 3,	27 50
42	John M. Cole lumber on highway,	9 00
43	Darwin C. Boyden, support of School Dist. No. 8,	32 00
44	Albert Heald books for indigent children,	25 00
45	Charles Cross damage on highway,	4 50
46	Elijah Burnap, support of watering trough,	3 00
47	Sarah M. Pierce pass over land for the year 1880,	3 00
48	Erastus F. Lewin pass over land for the year 1880,	3 00
49	John Barker support of School Dist. No. 13,	30 00
50	A. F. Hawes lumber and labor on highway for 1879,	7 19
51	Stephen Hearsey support of School Dist. No. 15,	41 35
52	Alvan A. Wood pass over land,	4 00
53	Sidney Sanborn, support of paupers,	200 00
54	John Barker, support of School Dist. No. 13,	9 90
55	Sidney Sanborn, cash paid for witness fees,	7 00
56	Moses Fifield, support of watering trough,	3 00
57	Carlos D. Colby labor and lumber on highway,	16 63
58	“ services supervisor for 2 years, cash for wood,	18 25
59	Stephen Hearsey labor and lumber on highway,	1 08
60	C. M. Read labor and lumber and damage to plow,	34 64
61	Norman L. Carey labor and lumber on highway,	38 68
62	Frank De F. Baker pass over land,	10 00
63	James Porter pass over highway,	5 00
64	W. P. Thrasher support of paupers,	125 00
65	Henry C. Woodward support of School Dist. No. 7,	55 00
66	A. A. Wood lumber and labor on highway,	8 00
67	George I. French pass over land,	5 00
68	S. C. Dow lumber on highway,	6 07
69	W. P. Thrasher burying carrion on Hart Island,	3 00
70	S. C. Dow services as Policeman,	1 00
71	N. C. Chapman labor and lumber on highway,	15 37
72	W. C. True supervisor for 2 years ending Mar. 1, 1880	13 60
73	“ Auditor for the year 1880,	3 00
74	A. K. Read, Jr. lumber on highway,	6 81
75	Albert K. Read error in taxes,	8 75
76	D. C. Westgate support of School Dist. No. 5,	52 12

77	Henry B. Fuller, support of School District No. 2,	30 00
78	W. P. Thrasher support of Paupers,	235 00
79	Henry Bryant, support of School Dist. No. 1,	45 00
80	H. D. Plummer, " " 6,	26 00
81	L. C. Dow, " " 4,	65 00
82	Sidney Sanborn, Books and stationery,	34 95
83	Sidney Sanborn, support of Paupers,	150 00
84	Sidney Sanborn for support of Paupers,	200 00
85	Russell B. French, labor and lumber on highway,	13 09
86	Henry C. Woodward, support of School Dist. No. 7,	27 00
87	Darwin F. Jordan, damage on highway,	8 00
88	John B. Rowell, support of School Dist. No. 12,	69 50
89	C. Gilkey, support of School dist. No. 3 in Cornish,	1 74
90	F. Moulton, services as Supervisor for two years ending Nov. 2, 1880 and cash paid out,	14 00
91	B. Stockwell, support of school Dist. No. 4 Lebanon,	5 17
92	Fred Moulton, labor and lumber on highway,	16 95
93	A. W. French, labor and lumber on highway,	1 50
94	N. L. Carey, support of watering trough,	3 00
95	Hurbert Sleeper, return of births and deaths,	3 25
96	W. D. Burr, lumber on highway,	13 82
97	J. W. Jordan driving the hearse for year ending Mar. 1, 1881,	22 50
98	James W. Jordan, watering trough,	3 00
99	George W. Austin, lumber on highway,	3 50
100	Charles T. Torrey, labor on highway,	2 37
101	Fred Freeman, watering trough,	3 00
102	Darius M. Moulton, support of watering trough,	3 00
103	Stephen D. Stone, taking deposition,	4 75
104	George I. French, support of paupers,	25 00
105	F. C. Dow, support of School Dist. No. 4	90 64
106	Henry B. Fuller, " " 2,	61 00
107	C. H. Duncklee, " " 11,	79 65
108	M. F. Colby, damage to plow on highway,	6 00
109	Charles H. Strong, support of watering trough,	2 50
110	Newell C. Chapman, shoveling snow,	1 00

111	Charles Colby, labor on highway,	3 50
112	Nathan Andrews, labor and lumber on highway,	8 60
113	Frank H. Stickney, labor and lumber on highway,	4 50
114	Charles H. Hill, opening grave for Mrs. W. Walker,	2 50
115	B. F. Manchester, services as Town Clerk for 1880,	45 00
116	Frank L. French, support of School dist. No. 9,	126 08
117	Samuel Davis, labor and lumber on highway,	30 64
118	Arvilla Morse, support of watering trough,	1 50
119	William S. Morse, lumber on highway,	3 05
120	Ezekiel Stone, support of watering trough for 2 years,	4 00
121	Mahala Palmer, over tax,	1 50
122	James F. Tasker, building bridge near Morse's mill,	471 96
123	Levi H. Sanderson, building bridge abutment.	220 79
124	C. Cole, use of hall and wood furnished Town Hall,	14 00
125	E. G. Burr, return of births and deaths,	4 75
126	Farnum I. Spencer, State tax,	1384 00
127	“ “ County tax,	1582 74
128	W. P. Thrasher, bounties on hawks,	6 80
129	Sidney Sanborn, Postage and Stationery,	3 75
130	G. I. French, support of Paupers,	10 10
131	Sidney Sanborn, support of Paupers,	426 56
132	W. B. Sanborn, labor on highway and use of scraper,	2 00
133	W. P. Thrasher, support of Paupers,	15 16
134	Albert Heald, school books,	21 83
135	C. W. Cummings note and interest,	311 70

Paid Orders No. 77, 91, 120, 1879,	85 18
“ Bonds drawn July 1, 1880,	1500 00
“ From Bond Coupons,	1851 00

Total amount Orders Bonds and Coupons paid,	\$11930 44
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Total amount Receipts brought forward,	\$12845 63
“ Orders Bonds and Coupons paid	11930 44
Balance in Treasury,	\$915 19

FARNUM J. SPENCER, Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing account and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

SAMUEL BEAN, }
FRED MOULTON, } AUDITORS.

DOG REPORT

Amount of tax on collector's book for 1880,	\$72 00
Amount of tax collectd on tax of 1880,	\$60 50
Orders drawn.	
Rosamond Heywood,	\$3 00
Samuel W. H. Clark,	4 50
Edward C. Daniels,	7 20
	<hr/> \$14 70
Balance in treasury March 8, 1881,	\$45 80
Due on tax of 1880,	11 50

WALLACE P. THRASHER, Selectman.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD.



A refusal, on the part of our respected townsman, elected to fill this office and who, in other years had served with so much acceptance, left a vacancy. After some consideration and with some reluctance, as neither the honor, nor the compensation offered much inducement, your present incumbent entered upon his duties, mainly from a love of the work and a desire to aid the teachers and scholars. Others might have done this as well, if not better ; but the reward would have been theirs and not his. A carefully prepared report of the year's work in the matter of education, participated in by the Superintendent, Teachers, Scholars and Citizens, is, by law, made the duty of the School Board at the close of each official term.

In visiting the schools at various times and in different terms, we have found much more to commend than to censure. In the examination of teachers and in our visits in schools, we have made them as informal as possible. Our purpose has been to help the teachers to a better method of teaching, and the scholars to an improved manner of studying. It is needless perhaps to say that our success has not been complete. We,—the committee, teachers, scholars and parents—ought to become so thoroughly interested and completely united in raising the standard of success in our schools, until we should be behind no town in the county in the results obtained from year to year. When these four factors in the education of our children, perfectly harmonize, there will be no failures. We are not up to this standard ; yet, we have much to en-

courage us. We have spoken only of parents, but there is another class to whom we would say a word. They are the unmarried and the married who have no children to send. Do not step down and out because of this fact, but be, if possible as interested as though you had a dozen children in the school. Make the children of the district and town yours' and be willing to make some sacrifice for their good. Be willing to help furnish a good school-house and pay for a good school. If board is to be given, be ready to say to the committee, if you have a home, send the teacher to my house for one or two weeks. A few such instances of benevolence would change the spirit in an entire neighborhood.

There has been much enthusiasm in the teaching force and a very commendable response from scholars and friends. Some schools have manifested a high degree of interest, beyond our expectations, others have fallen below. Our parental duty in our schools, as respects attendance, tardiness and co-operating with the committee and teachers, we would refer you to the very excellent report of the last year. Turn back and read it again. What has been so well and forcibly said need not be repeated. If this advice had been heeded, we should have escaped some breakers into which our school craft has run.

Your last years report also gave you the law, entitled "An act to compel children between the ages of 8 and 14 years to attend school for a period of 12 weeks annually, and 6 of these to be consecutive, unless excused by the Superintending Committee." This is decidedly the best method of notification. Remember that for the first offence the fine is \$10. and for every succeeding offence it is \$20. to be recovered by the Committee in any court of competent jurisdiction. We do not know of any such violation, but, we would not be surprised if there were some, if we knew all about the children between 8 and 12 years of age. I would warn you to look out for the coming committee for he will probably be more vigilant than the present has been.

The money recovered is to be added to the school money of the district, where the violation occurred. But there is one drawback to the golden prospect of the district where these violations are. It is almost impossible in those cases to recover. It is like attempting to draw water from a dry well.

A brief Summary of the work performed.

We have had 36 terms ; 1 a private school ; 4 districts have held 3 terms each ; 11, 2 each, and 1 has had but a single term ; 26 teachers have been employed, 3 male and 23 female. Your Committee has examined critically 23 of these teachers, 3 were not examined ; 1 taught the private school ; the other 2 were experienced teachers and deemed to be all right for work without ; 78 visits made ; 370 miles traveled ; books furnished to the school at cost from publishers ; making a saving of about \$20. to the families. Average wages \$18.50.

School Houses

Nos. 1, 2, and 11 are in good condition, light and pleasant and well painted. No. 3, needs the windows lowered so that they can be seen ; and the studding brought down from 5 to 6 feet, and then it would make a pleasant room. A school room should be made as cheerful and homelike as possible. No. 4. promises externally better than it opens. The stove is badly situated for the comfort of the scholars, and the room is too small for the school. There is a good deal of ventilation but all in the wrong place, as the children could testify, who have felt the cold air pressing up through the cracks in the floor, to fill the vacancy made by the warm air escaping elsewhere. A wit would smile in looking at the outer door, thinking what a jolly time the lock and key would have laughing at the big hole through the door below them, holding fast their iron grasp, while they heard the unruly boys at night crawling through and entering the school room and making free with the teacher's rule and bell, and burying them in the ashes in the stove ; a deed which if looked up would give them a ticket to the Reform School, for several terms without tuition. Their names could easily be given but we spare them. To the legal voters of No. 4, we would say "your school house dishonors you ; arise and build something worthy of your name and place."

Nos. 5 and 8 have stood the burning of the sun and beating of the storms too long without a coat. Give them a good white coat and your property would increase in value in the district more than enough to pay for the coat. Repair the sheds and tidy up around

the houses, and then, who can tell how much you would enjoy.

No. 7 needs a pretty general overhauling to make it attractive. This school is among the four largest and ought to have a better house.

No. 6 and 12 are comfortable houses and answer their purpose very well, only it would improve them, if they were well dressed over with lead and oil.

No. 9 should be remodelled inside. The seats should be turned, or better, new ones put in, and placed at the south end of the room, so that the light would fall over the childrens shoulders, upon their books, instead of shining into their faces. They would then face the fire instead of sitting with their backs to it. Then let the teacher's desk be placed on the north or south side the stove just at the corner of the projection. No 13 has lost one house by fire, and has an apology for one left. They need a new house and perhaps a change of location. This is talked of, if your committee is rightly informed. Nos. 10, 14, 15 and 16, are among the antiquities of the age, but they seem comfortable and cozy in summer and as they are not used in winter, they serve very well. As the sum of the scholars in the three districts is but 12, there is not much encouragement to expend much on them.

Books.

No new books have been introduced, except for a small class of beginners in grammar. These were furnished with Swinton's Language Lessons. The Franklin series of Readers have been in use three years, but the old books are not all removed. A few turn up from some unknown hiding place almost every term. The publishers have offered every inducement they could to remove them. The agent has kindly furnished 4 sets for the 4 largest schools in town free of cost ; the market value of which is about \$12. These were placed in Dists. Nos. 7, 8 and 9. We would say to the prudential committee, see that these books are carefully kept. We negotiated for all the districts, but as the books had been in use a legal time, they thought it not prudent to make too large a gift. The account of the books furnished, still unpaid is in my hands, and will after 6 weeks be passed over to the Selectmen.

Teachers and Schools.

The inexperienced teachers employed has been 40 per. cent. If this ratio should continue for any considerable time our schools would practically be training schools for other places. Most of these lacked a thorough preparation ; but many of the schools are small, and but little money, and there is a desire and perhaps a seeming necessity "to hire cheap." They have succeeded well under the circumstances.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

HENRY BRYANT, AGENT.

The 2 terms were taught by Miss Julia C. Austin of West Lebanon. Miss Austin has had some experience and was interested and earnest in her work. The school made good improvement and gave general satisfaction.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

HENRY FULLER, AGENT.

This school was in charge of Louise A. Smith and was well taught, the progress and appearance of the school was good. The classes in geography and arithmetic and reading were of much interest. Miss Smith is an excellent reader ; her style is natural but lacking in force. Register sadly deficient.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

C. D. COLBY, AGENT.

The first term closed after 3 weeks because of sickness among the scholars, and the last term after 6 weeks from sickness of the teacher. Miss Carrie E. Town of Lebanon taught the 1st and 2nd terms with very good acceptance. She was inexperienced, but showed good teaching qualities and became much interested in the work. The school was well managed and well taught. The 3d term was under the care of Miss L. F. Wood of West Lebanon. It appeared well at the commencement, but closing so soon we can not speak of results.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

S. C. DOW, AGENT.

This is a large school and ought to be a good one. There are great interests at stake where there are so many scholars.

The summer term was taught by Miss Mary R. Taylor. This teacher is one of our best. She carried the school through this term quietly and with fair success. A private term was taught in the fall by Miss Lucy Westgate, we did not visit it as we hoped to do but

hear it commended. The winter term was taught by Mr Willie G. Cain of Newport. This was his first trial and he thought sometimes, perhaps it would be his last. There is however no reason for discouragement of teacher, or parents: they can no doubt both do better. It cannot be said of him hereafter that he is inexperienced, for he realized about as much of experience in this term, as is usually obtained in four. The opening of the school appeared well, we then feared that he might be too lenient, some thought otherwise afterwards. He felt that good order demanded the punishment of some disorderly members. This awakened opposition and the matter became the exciting subject of conversation. Some blaming the teacher, others the parents. Some thought the teacher ought to be turned out, others thought the parents should be, and amid it all most of the children did turn out. But a few of the scholars attended the last 4 weeks. We cannot blame the teacher much for not making out his average attendance or percentage. As near as we can ascertain the everage attendance is about 18 per ct. 45. Here is a sad wrong some where. If all the scholars had made good improvement while they did attend, of which there is not much probability, the loss would be not less than \$50. It is true that another thing is to be considered, those who attended through the term received more attention and consequently made greater progress. The examination of a small class of girls, young in years ; exceeded anything we have ever seen in the correctness, and manner of their recitations. These scholars did honor to themselves and their teacher. We have been present at hundreds of examinations and we have never seen any thing more excellent than this. In Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Phonetics, Spelling and Speaking we should mark them 100. In all the scholars had attended through the term, and accomplished as much as those that did, the school would have been one of the best, if not the very best in the state.

DISTRICT NO. 5.
D. C. WESTGATE, AGENT.

The 2 terms were taught by Miss Lizzie V. Clark. This is not a forward school, but orderly and studious. Every thing was pleasant ; the interest good and progress commendable. Miss Clark's method of teaching is good and she well sustained her former re-

putation as one of our best instructors.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

HARVEY D. PLUMMER AGENT

But 2 terms of this school were taught by Miss Ida M. Williams. This was her first work in public school teaching and her success was good. She possesses many qualifications necessary to a good teacher. Being out of town at the close of the second term we did not visit but once. We have heard favorable reports of it.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

HENRY C. WOODARD, AGENT.

The summer term was delayed on account of sickness among the children. The first term was taught by Miss L. Florence Wood of West Lebanon. Miss W. is a very quick and thorough scholar. She worked hard for the good of the school but failed to bring into that orderly state necessary for the best results. Her health and strength was hardly equal to the task. Much of her clear instruction was lost for want of attention. The winter term was taught by Miss Mary E. Daniels with good acceptance. The scholars are not advanced, but some of them were much interested and made good progress, and we should judge it to have been a profitable term. We cannot speak of it as we would like, not visiting it at the close.

DISTRICT NO. 8

DARWIN BOYDEN, AGENT.

This district had 3 terms ; 2 of 8 and 1 of 12 weeks ; taught by Miss Hattie B. Burr. A very good interest was manifested.

There are some excellent scholars in this school, and will, if spared be among the best in town. The improvement in Arithmetic and grammar was marked. The Reading is in the background. This should be regarded in terms to come. Not so good order as we would have liked.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

FRANK FRENCH, AGENT.

This school has diminished in the number of scholars, within a few years. The largest number reported is 28. Three terms were taught, each by a different teacher. Miss Mary E. Sleeper taught the first term, which was broken somewhat by sickness. The order and instruction was of the first-class and the results every way satisfactory. The 2nd term was under the care of Miss Stella C. Patrick. Miss P. is an energetic, and efficient teacher, but of less experience than the former, and did not perform her work so easily or seem quite so much at home in it. The examination showed fair improvement. The winter term was taught by Alvah B. Chellis who has had the care of this school for a number of

terms, and always with success. His order is easy, teaching clear, and familiar. Here are some good readers, and the classes in arithmetic, geography and grammar did well. Some of the smaller scholars bid fair to excell their predecessors when they reach their place.

DISTRICT NO. 10.
CHARLES COLBY, AGENT.

The 2 terms here were taught by teachers without former experience. The first by Miss Nellie I. Wood of West Lebanon, and the 2nd by Miss Alice M. Colby. Both of these teachers succeeded well for the first trial and we think gave very good satisfaction and promise for the future.

DISTRICT NO. 11.
CHARLES LUNCKLEE, AGENT.

One term taught by, J. W. Mason of Hanover, which was his first effort at public teaching. The school did well under his direction ; success satisfactory. More experience will improve his work.

DISTRICT NO. 12.
J. E. ROWELL, AGENT.

No summer term, but a fall and winter term of 20 weeks, with 1 week vacation. Miss M. R. Tylor teacher. We need to say nothing of her governing or teaching qualities. The teacher and scholars worked in harmony and were rewarded with good results. The 2 advanced scholars have a good start and bid fair to do some of our future teaching.

DISTRICT NO. 13.
JOHN BARKER, AGENT.

Miss Zula M. Purnot of Endfield taught the 3 terms of this school. Her good record of last year is well sustained. The schools were all marked with interest, and the satisfaction was general. Miss P. has a natural power of governing and a successful style of teaching.

DISTRICT NO. 14.
JOHN POOL, AGENT.

Two teams ; the 1st was commenced by Nettie L. Jordan but was obliged to leave after about a week on account of sickness in the family. The term was finished very satisfactorily by Miss E. A. Eaton an experienced teacher. The 2nd term was taught by

Miss Jordan, who commenced the 1st. These were her first attempts in teaching.

After a few weeks some dissatisfaction was manifest, and the attendance was very irregular. Those attending most constantly showed decided improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

STEPHEN HERSEY, AGENT.

This is a very small school, but if the 3 boys composing it should do their best, the world would be the gainer. They did very well, and in some cases showed uncommon talent. The first term was taught by Miss A. J. Hersey; a teacher of experience. The 2nd term was in charge of Miss D. G. Moore, young and without previous experience. Loving the work she devoted herself to it and succeeded beyond our most sanguine expectations. Some of the recitations were of the first class, Miss M. has many of the qualifications of a good teacher and only needs a thorough preparation to make teaching a delight.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

FREEMAN TROW, AGENT.

This is a very small school, that might well be united with the village district. There are but 2 scholars, with 1 attending out of the district. Miss K. L. How of Lebanon taught the 1st term, it being her first trial. Her success was good. The fall school was taught by Miss E. A. Daton. The examination was thorough and deeply interesting. There has been nothing in town that has equalled it except the class of girls in No. 4.

ALBERT HEALD, Superintending Committee.

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist.	Div. 1880.	Unpaid. 1879.	Over Drawn. 1879.	Total	Paid. 1880.	Over Drawn 1880.	Now Due.
1	85 53	4 57		90 10	85 00		5 10
2	84 15			84 15	91 00	6 85	
3	90 53	6 75		97 28	77 00		20 28
4	155 64			155 64	155 64		
5	83 84			83 84	83 37		47
6	45 71	2 20		47 91	52 00	4 09	
7	82 58	15		82 73	82 00		83
8	128 38	22 00		150 38	138 95		11 43
9	263 89	14 41		278 30	285 08	6 78	
10	71 73	45 97		127 70	87 50		40 20
11	84 65		5 00	79 65	79 65		
12	61 62	9 16		70 78	69 50		1 28
13	35 35	4 55		39 90	39 90		
14	53 36	24 29		77 65	37 00		40 65
15	66 66	8 46		75 12	66 35		8 77
16	52 84	19 80		72 64	67 00		5 64
†4	5 32		15	5 17	5 17		
*3	1 74			1 74	1 74		

* Lebanon.

† Cornish.

